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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Examiner

David Faber

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/3/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to the application filed 17 March 2004.

**This office action is made Non-Final.**

2. Claims 1-2 are pending. Claims 1, and 2 are independent claims.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3 August 2004 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

### ***Drawings***

4. The drawings filed on 17 March 2004 have been accepted by the Examiner.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

5. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 2 discloses "a document project management system" wherein is not clear whether the "means" refer to software only means. If it is, the computer program is not embodied on a computer readable medium.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moody et al (US Patent #5,890,177, patented 3/3/1999)

As per independent Claim 1, Moody et al discloses a method comprising:

- receiving a plurality of proposed revisions to an original portion of a document  
(Column 4, lines 46-51: Discloses editors sending revisions to the original author)  
  
displaying the original portion of the document; (Column 5, lines 50-56;  
Column 6, lines 4-32)
- displaying with the original portion each of the plurality of proposed revisions;  
(Column 5, lines 50-56; Column 6, lines 4-32: Discloses paragraphs from revision being disclose next to the corresponding paragraph from the original)
- highlighting differences with the original portion in each of the plurality of proposed revisions; and (Column 6, lines 33-40: Discloses using redlining, highlighting or underlining techniques to draw attention to revisions made)
- allowing a reviewer to either select one of the proposed revisions or cut and paste text from one or more of the revisions to replace the original portion.  
(Column 6, line 42 – Column 7, line 20: The author of the document which is

also a reviewer examines and determines if any of the edits generated from different editors are to be included into final paragraph. During the process, all the paragraphs are placed in a consolidate document wherein the author determines which of the edit paragraphs he or she wishes to keep to form a final document)

As per independent Claim 2, Claim 2 recites a system for performing the method of Claim 1 and is similarly rejected under Moody et al.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Faber whose telephone number is 571-272-2751. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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